

Weekly Disease Surveillance Report

2022 Reporting Week 29: July 17 - July 23



This weekly report is produced by the DOH-Okaloosa Epidemiology Section to provide situational awareness to community partners. Data is subject to change as additional information is gathered.

COVID-19 & ILI Trends

COVID-19 cases and percentage of influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly decreased this week. However, the percent positivity of COVID cases has plateaued. The [COVID-19 Community Risk \(Transmission\) Level](#) and [COVID-19 Community Level](#) indicators remain HIGH for Week 29.

Although ILI activity slightly decreased this past week, activity continues to remain above the normal trend for this time of year (normal average 1.5-2.0%). Please see page 3 for information on ILI numbers in Okaloosa County.

COVID-19 Resources

The CDC has developed a [Quarantine & Isolation Calculator](#) to help individuals determine how long to isolate, quarantine, or take other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

A new federal [Test to Treat](#) program gives people a fast and easy way to get lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. Through this program, if individuals test positive for COVID-19, they may be eligible to receive a prescription and have it filled all at one location. Individuals can also bring home testing results get evaluated by a healthcare provider for treatment.

Please visit the CDC's websites for COVID-19 [vaccinations](#) and, specifically, [booster](#) shots to stay informed with the most current information, and please continue to promote the COVID-19 vaccine as it is highly effective at preventing severe disease and death.

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COVID-19 Snapshot

Week 29 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Level	New Hospital Admissions per 100K Population (Past 7 Days)	% Staffed Beds with COVID-19 Patients (Past 7 Days)
HIGH	22.2	5.2%

PREVIOUS WEEK COMMUNITY LEVEL: HIGH

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Week 29 Community Transmission Level

COVID-19 Community Risk Level	New Cases per 100K Population per Week	% Positivity per Week
HIGH	256.2	23.0%

PREVIOUS WEEK RISK LEVEL: HIGH

Low	<10	<5%
Moderate	10-49	5-7.9%
Substantial	50-99	8-9.9%
High	>100	>10%

Community Level and Community Risk/Transmission Level are the color of the higher risk level for each of the two indicators. Data Source : CDC [Community Indicators at the County Level](#)



COVID-19 Fully
Vaccinated =
No Quarantine

COVID-19 in Okaloosa County

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COVID-19 IN OKALOOSA, CASES vs. VACCINATION

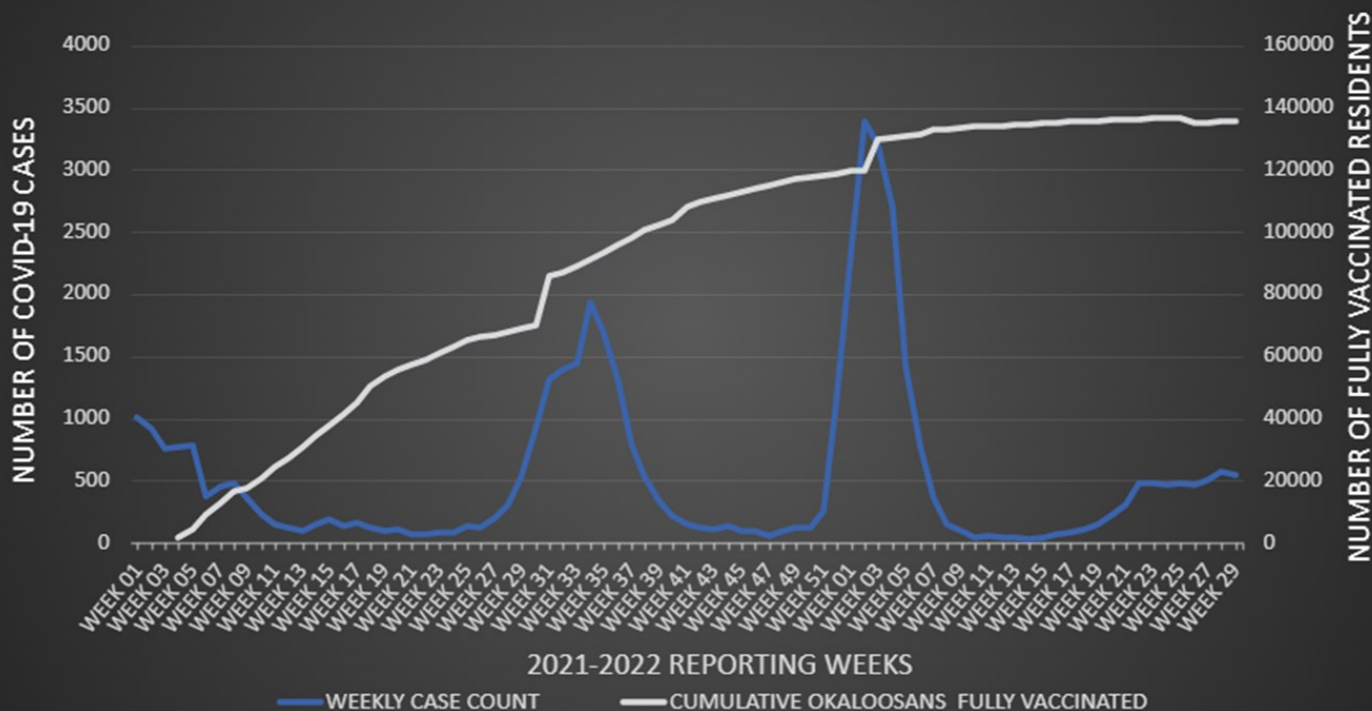


Figure 1: Cumulative number of fully vaccinated Okaloosa residents as compared to COVID-19 cases per week. Data reported through previous Sunday.
Data Source: Merlin & CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)

Week 29 Review		Difference from Wk28
Resident Case Count	540	-27
Resident Case Count per 100K Population	256.2	-12.9
Average Resident Cases per Day	77.1	-3.9
Percent Positivity	23.0%	+0.2

Data Source: Merlin Database

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) provides the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with county COVID-19 data, including deaths.

Please visit the [COVID-19 Community Profile Report](#) webpage to obtain death data by downloading the most recent excel file and locating Okaloosa on the 'Counties' tab.

For questions related to COVID-19 death data, please contact the FDOH Office of Communications at 850-245-4111 or NewsMedia@flhealth.gov.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS		
Fully-Vaccinated Groups	OKALOOSA	US
% of Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	68.8%	71.4%
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	74.6%	75.5%
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	77.2%	77.0%
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	95.0%	91.8%

Data reported through previous Sunday. Data Source: CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)



Influenza-Like Illness

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Influenza-like Illness (ILI) is defined as fever greater than or equal to 100°F AND cough and/or sore throat in the absence of another known cause.

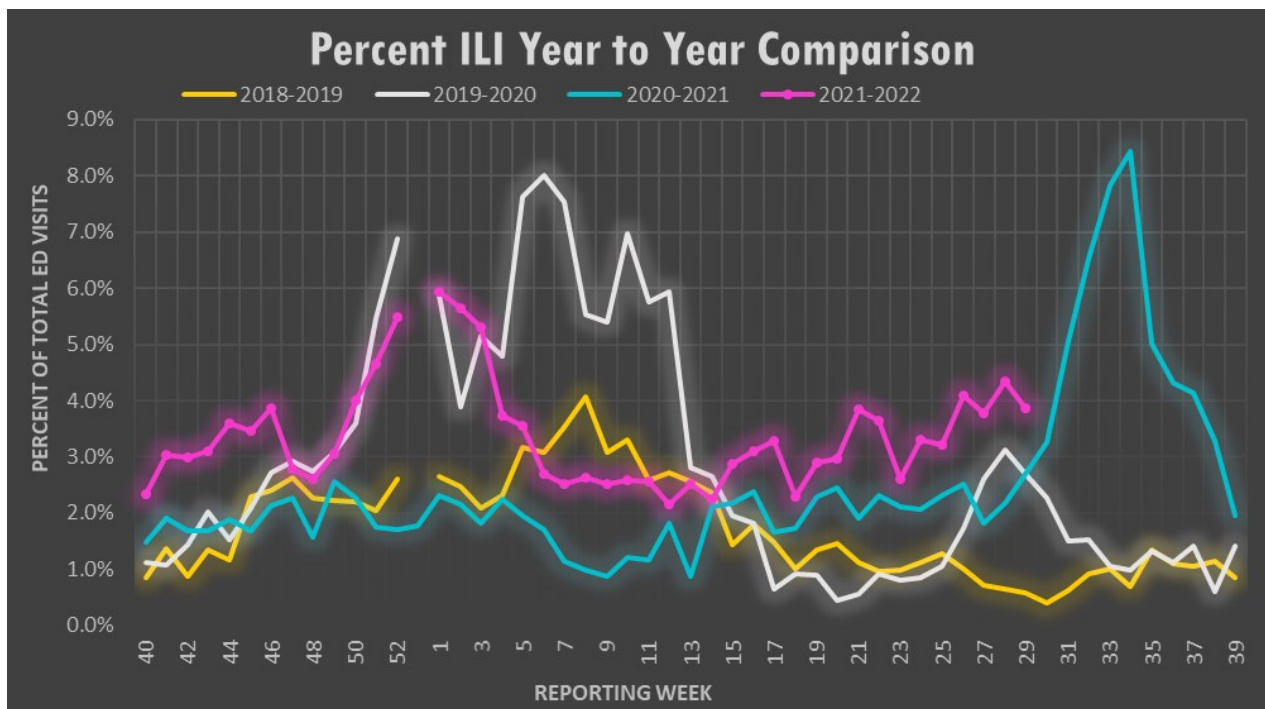


Figure 2:

Annual comparison of the percent of all hospital ED visits due to ILI for Okaloosa County for the 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 influenza seasons by week.

Data source:

ESSENCE

ANALYSIS: During Week 29, flu reporting partners and ESSENCE (a syndromic surveillance system) reported a decrease in ILI activity for Okaloosa County. The percentage of ILI ED visits in Okaloosa County increased from 4.33% during Week 28 to 3.86% during Week 29. Flu partners reported no positive rapid flu tests this week. Over the past three weeks, 4 out of 112 influenza specimens submitted to the state lab were positive (2 Influenza A unspecified and 2 Influenza B unspecified). There were no ILI admissions, outbreaks, or deaths reported by flu partners this week. The percentage of total ILI ED visits for Week 29 is higher than that of Week 29 last year.

Note: Other respiratory syndromes can be represented by increased ILI case numbers. Data Source: ESSENCE

% ILI by Age Group Week 29, 2022

Age Range	ILI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total ILI Visits
0-4	34	216	15.74%
5-19	16	305	5.25%
20-34	17	587	2.90%
35-54	14	670	2.09%
55-74	13	550	2.36%
75+	7	288	2.43%

Data Source: ESSENCE

% of Total ILI Visits by Facility Week 29, 2022

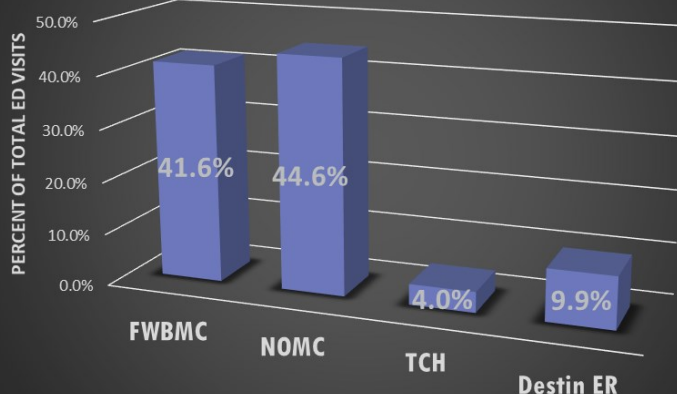


Figure 3: Hospital ED visits meeting ILI criteria stratified by facility. Percentages calculated based on total number of ILI ED visits. (n=101). Data source: ESSENCE



Syndromic Surveillance

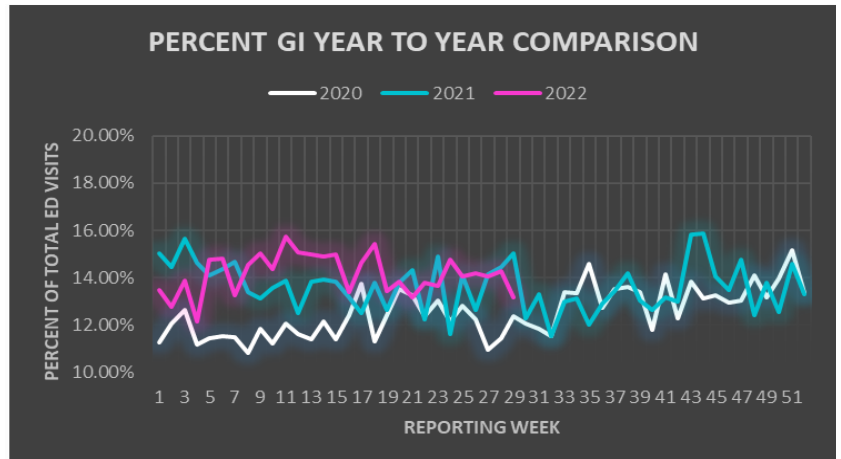
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Gastro-intestinal Illness (GI)

Figure 4:

Annual comparison for the percent of GI for all Okaloosa County hospital ED visits week to week for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Data Source: ESSENCE

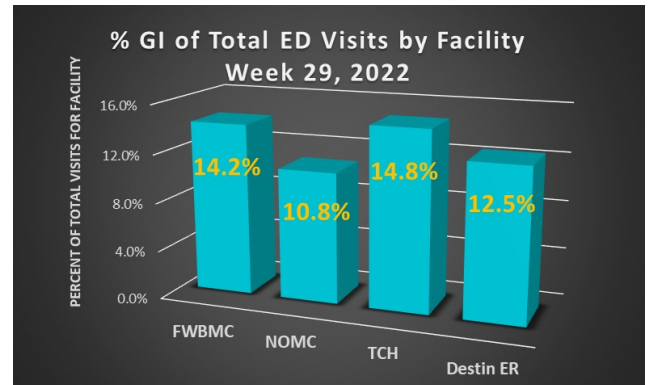


% GI by Age Group Week 29, 2022			
Age Range	GI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total GI Visits
0-4	34	216	15.74%
5-19	42	305	13.77%
20-34	96	587	16.35%
35-54	87	670	12.99%
55-74	53	550	9.64%
75+	27	288	9.38%

Figure 5:

Hospital emergency room visits due to GI illness stratified by facility.

Data source: ESSENCE

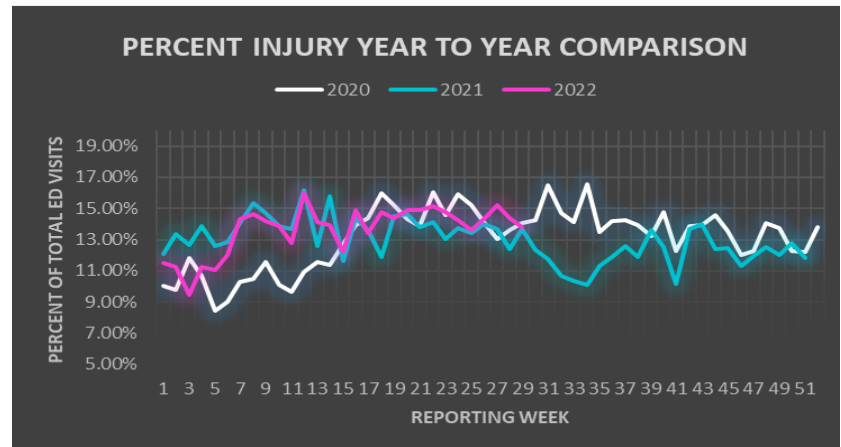


Injury

Figure 6:

Annual comparison for the percent of Injury for all Okaloosa County hospital ED visits week to week for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Data Source: ESSENCE

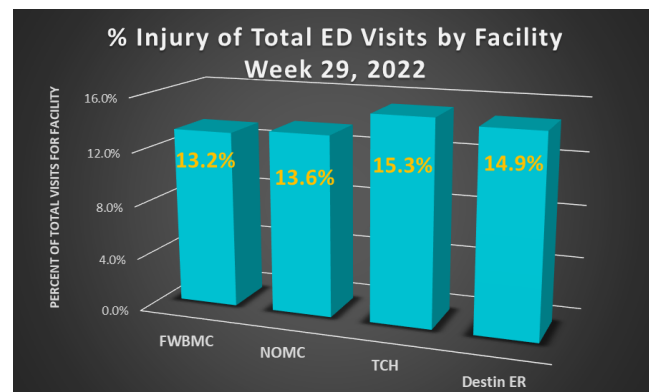


% Injury by Age Group Week 29, 2022			
Age Range	Injury Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total Injury Visits
0-4	34	216	15.75%
5-19	74	305	24.26%
20-34	79	587	13.46%
35-54	78	670	11.64%
55-74	56	550	10.18%
75+	41	288	14.24%

Figure 7:

Hospital emergency room visits due to Injury stratified by facility.

Data source: ESSENCE





Syndromic Surveillance

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Total ED Visits by Syndrome

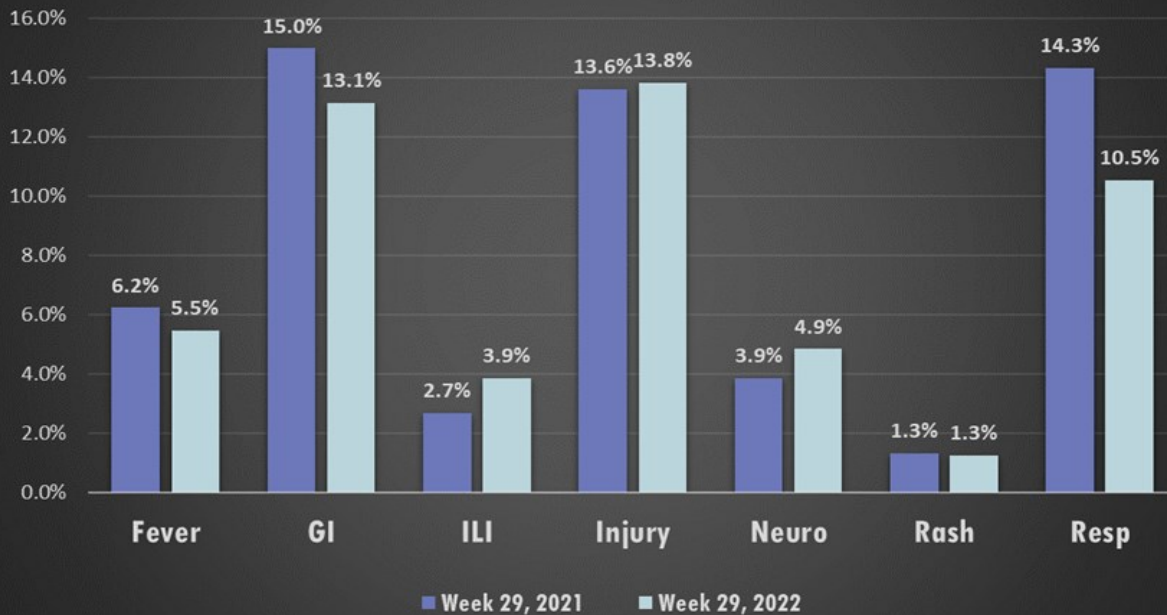
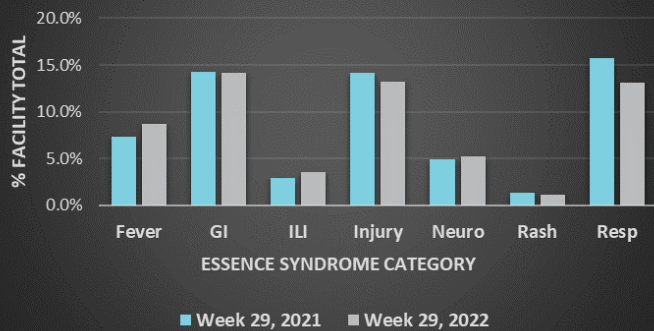


Figure 8: Hospital Emergency Department (ED) visits from 2022 Week 29 by select syndrome category. Percentages calculated based on total number of ED visits (n=2618). Some syndrome categories are not represented; therefore, represented percentages will not total 100%. Data source: ESSENCE

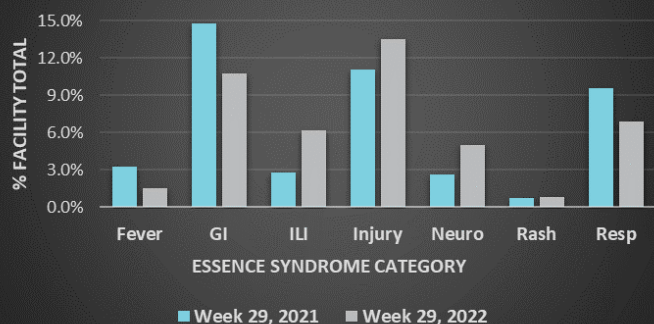
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 29- Fort Walton Beach Medical Center

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	51
5-19	INJURY	29
20-34	GI	47
35-54	GI	47
55-74	RESP	27
75+	INJURY	17

North Okaloosa Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 29- North Okaloosa Medical Center

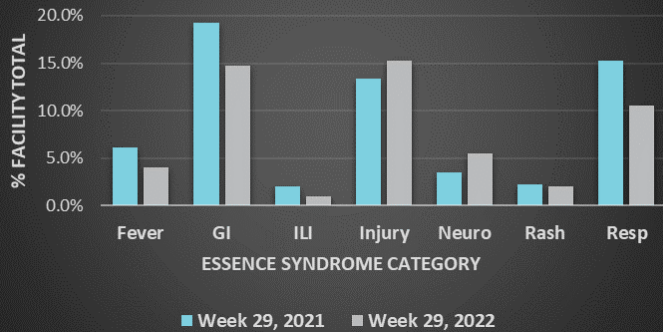
Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	INJURY	11
5-19	INJURY	21
20-34	INJURY	22
35-54	GI	22
55-74	GI	16
75+	NEURO	16



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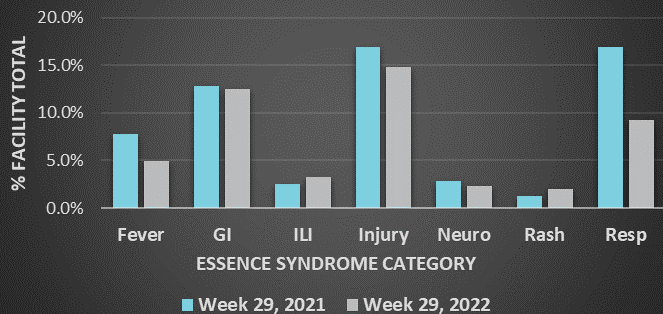
Twin Cities Hospital ED Presentations



Week 29- Twin Cities Hospital

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	7
5-19	INJURY	13
20-34	GI	23
35-54	GI, RESP	12, 12
55-74	INJURY	13
75+	INJURY	8

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Week 29- Destin ER

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER, INJURY	5, 5
5-19	INJURY	11
20-34	GI	12
35-54	INJURY	9
55-74	GI	11
75+	INJURY	3

Week 29—Okaloosa County

Age Group	Top Syndrome
0-4	FEVER
5-19	INJURY
20-34	GI
35-54	GI
55-74	INJURY
75+	INJURY



Data Source: ESSENCE